

Walter Reynolds
P. R. #3
Augusta, Me

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF SIDNEY
MAINE

For the Year Ending
February 10, 1949

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF SIDNEY
MAINE

For the Year Ending
February 10, 1949

TOWN OFFICERS, 1948-1949

Moderator

HORACE H. DRUMMOND

Town Clerk

130.00 a year PEARL F. SMITH

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

E. J. DYER

O. Z. BACON

J. J. BRACKETT

Treasurer and Collector

ALICE L. HAMMOND

Superintendent of Schools

HUBERT REDDING

School Committee

VIRGINIA PETERSON

PERCY VAN NOTE

RUTH MENDALL

Health Officer

ARDIS WHYNOT

Constable

WILLIAM W. COWAN

Road Commissioner

MALCOLM C. PHILBRICK

Horace H. Drummond

Fire Ward

WILLIAM B. HASKELL

Wendell Wright

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE 1949

Art.	5	Town Charges	\$ 2,500.00
"	6	Aid to Dependent Children	400.00
"	7	Support of Poor	1,600.00
"	8	Health Nurse	50.00
"	9	Memorial Day	25.00
"	10	No recommendation	
"	17	Blister Rust Control	150.00
"	18	State Aid Highway	799.50
"	19	Patrol Maintenance	1,160.00
"	20	Highways and Bridges	2,000.00
"	21	Road Planning Comm.	1,500.00
		Transfer from Excise Tax	1,500.00
"	22	School Fund	15,325.00
"	23	Special School Account	513.50
"	25	School Building Fund	1,000.00
"	26	Improving neglected Veterans' Graves	25.00

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, 1949

To W. W. Cowan, Constable of the Town of Sidney, County of Kennebec, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sidney qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1949 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

Art. 2. To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year in accordance with Sections 38 to 52 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1930, and all acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto, to wit: Town Clerk, three Selectmen who shall serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, and one member of the School Committee to serve for three years. The Polls or Ballot Box for receiving ballots for the above mentioned officers shall be opened at 9:30 A. M. and shall be closed at 2:30 P. M.

Art. 3. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

Art. 4. To choose a Fire Ward.

Art. 5. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray Town Charges.
2,500.

Art. 6. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children.
7,400.

Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Support of Poor.
2,000.00

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for Public Health Nursing in Sidney. Said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health for local service.
50.00

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for Memorial Day.
8,250.00

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95 of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to assign tax lien mortgages for the amounts of the tax, interest and costs due. *passed under*

Art. 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property. *by the unanimous vote of the select men (noted)*

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to hold a Town Fair in 1949 and if so to choose officers and raise money for the same. *100.00*

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying indebtedness of the Town, such loans to be paid during the current municipal year by taxes. *(yes)*

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to set dates when taxes for 1949 shall be due and payable. *may 1 Personal and real estate taxes up to July 15*

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount on taxes for 1949, fix the dates and amount of discount, and to see if the Town will vote to fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after a date to be determined under this article. *1 1/2% discount on taxes up to July 15*

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to co-operate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Chapter 32, Section 54. *\$150.00*

Art. 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944 as amended. *1000.00 31.00*

²⁰ Art. 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of State Aid yearly allotments providing additional funds are available from the State. ^(note)

²¹ Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Patrol Maintenance of State and State Aid Highways under the provisions of Sections 9 and 18 of Chapter 28 of Revised Statutes of 1930. ^{passed on}

Art. 21. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Summer Highways and Bridges. ^{\$2,000.00}

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Road Planning Committee. ^{\$15,000.00}

Art. 23. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Common School Fund. ^{\$15,000.00}

Art. 24. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Special School account. ^{\$513.20}

Art. 25. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of School Buildings. ^{1,000.00}

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to increase the School Building Fund now held in trust. ^{1,000.00}

^{\$50.00} Art. 27. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for improving and caring for neglected Veterans' graves.

^{note} Art. 28. To see what action the Town will take in regard to providing a Town Dump.

^{raise \$5,000.00} Art. 29. To see what action the Town will take in regard to snow removal.

^{\$1.00 an hour} Art. 30. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the salaries of Town officials.

^{\$700.00} Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 and accumulated interest as a trust fund to be used for the care of the Hartson Bragg lot in the Field Cemetery.

Leslie Pathe 5 yr 3 yr Albert Taylor 2 Wendall Huff

Art. 32. To choose one or more members of the Road Planning Committee for 1949.

Art. 33. To choose a Budget Committee for 1949.
same 71

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office for the purpose of correcting the list of voters at 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon of the day of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon with the Clerk of said Town on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, 1949.

ELDON J. DYER

OTIS Z. BACON

JENNIE J. BRACKETT

Selectmen of Sidney

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Sidney:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending February 10, 1949.

VALUATION AND TAX

Resident real estate	\$245,770.00	
Non-resident real estate	135,115.00	
Total real estate		\$380,885.00
Resident personal estate	\$ 87,861.00	
Non-resident personal estate ...	1,460.00	
Total personal estate		\$ 89,321.00
Grand total valuation		\$470,206.00
Tax on above at 75 mills	\$ 35,265.45	
Fractional gain94	
236 polls at \$3.00	708.00	
		\$ 35,974.39

APPROPRIATIONS

Town charges	\$ 2,500.00	
Aid to dependent children	500.00	
Support of poor	1,500.00	
Health nurse	50.00	
Memorial Day	25.00	
Town Fair	100.00	
White pine blister rust	150.00	
State aid construction	799.50	
Patrol maintenance	1,160.00	
Common schools	12,725.00	
Schools, special account	680.00	
School building fund	1,000.00	
Snow removal	6,000.00	
Summer highway and bridges ..	2,000.00	
Quaker Road special, N. end ...	300.00	
Road planning Comm.	2,000.00	
Total appropriations		\$ 31,489.50

TOWN OF SIDNEY

9

State tax	3,460.43
County tax	596.25
Overlay	428.21
<hr/>	
Total	\$ 35,974.39

PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSED IN 1948

	No.	
Horses	113	\$ 7,795.00
Colts (3 to 4 yrs. old) ..	1	40.00
Colts (not draft type) ..	2	50.00
Beef cattle	25	935.00
Milk cows	870	43,607.00
2 yr. olds	60	1,740.00
18 mos.	90	1,800.00
Goats	17	85.00
Swine (over 10 in No.) ..	3	15.00
Domestic fowl	22,451	13,534.00
(Over 50 in No.)		
Stock in trade	4	670.00
Portable mills	2	300.00
Gasoline pumps	8	425.00
Radios	206	2,415.00
Electrical appliances ..		6,280.00
Tractors (not excised) ..	73	6,095.00
Machinery and equip.		3,535.00
		<hr/>
Total personal property ..		\$ 89,321.00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	
Cattle, 18 mos. and under	504	\$ 5,215.00
Sheep (to 35 in No.) ..	33	165.00
Swine (to 10 in No.)	39	433.00
Domestic fowl		
(to 50 in No.)	1,943	1,191.00
		<hr/>
		\$ 6,994.00

TOWN POOR

Fred Blaisdell:

Mrs. Carroll Hapworth, board	\$ 20.00
Eldon Dyer, clothes	1.58
Kinney Shoe Store, shoes	5.38
E. P. Williams, M.D.	2.50

\$ 29.46

Percy Reicker:

Alphi Bard, rent	\$ 144.00
Clifford Dallaire, rent	75.00
Maheu's Market, supplies	310.00

\$ 529.00

Harold Lunt:

Town of Hancock, supplies ..	\$ 875.74
------------------------------	-----------

\$ 875.74

Milton Nichols:

City of South Portland	\$ 209.79
------------------------------	-----------

\$ 209.79

Paul Thompson:

Town of Belgrade	\$ 13.62
------------------------	----------

\$ 13.62

\$ 1,657.61

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
---------------------	-------------

Overdrawn	157.61
-----------------	--------

\$ 1,657.61

OTHER TOWNS' POOR

William Morrill:

Betty Daggett, board	\$ 287.45
Dr. E. I. Whitney	15.00

\$ 302.45

TOWN OF SIDNEY

11

Due from Town of Skowhegan . .	302.45
--------------------------------	--------

Etta Bridges:

Lincoln Stores, Inc., clothing	\$	15.60
Kinney Shoe Store, shoes		4.95

	\$	20.55
		20.55

Due from Town of Chelsea	
----------------------------------	--

STATE POOR

Manual Rocque, supplies	\$	375.00
Hammond's Store, supplies		240.00

	\$	615.00
--	----	--------

Received from State for 1947-48	\$	60.00
Received from State for 1948-49		575.33

	\$	635.33
--	----	--------

AID TO VETERANS

Louis Dutil, supplies	\$	10.00
---------------------------------	----	-------

	\$	10.00
--	----	-------

Received from State	\$	10.00
-------------------------------	----	-------

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$	500.00
Paid State Treasurer		245.16

Unexpended	\$	254.84
----------------------	----	--------

72.00

TOWN CHARGES

SALARIES

Eldon Dyer, 1st selectman	\$	513.00
Otis Bacon, 2nd selectman		392.00
Jennie Brackett, 3rd selectman		270.00
Alice Hammond, Treas. and Coll.		500.00
Pearl Smith, town clerk		100.00
W. W. Cowan, constable		34.00
Malcolm Philbrick, deputy con-		
stable		9.00

William B. Haskell, fire ward ..	22.20
Leslie Lathe, salary from Feb. 10 to Mar. 1, 1948	10.00
Ruth Mendall, school comm. ..	28.00
Virginia Peterson, school comm.	28.00
Percy Van Note, school comm.	28.00
Horace Drummond, moderator	6.00
Ernest Wyman, ballot clerk ...	24.00
M. I. Knight, ballot clerk	18.00
Ray E. Philbrick, ballot clerk ..	30.00
Bigelow Barnard, ballot clerk ..	30.00
Storer Tanner, ballot clerk	12.00
Ardis Whynot, health officer ..	15.00
R. W. Smith, sealer of weights and measures	11.40
W. P. Berryman, deputy fire warden	3.00
Geo. M. Ellis, deputy fire warden	3.00
Storer Tanner, deputy fire war- den	3.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 2,089.60

EXPENSES

Eldon Dyer, postage and env. ..	\$ 7.50
Eldon Dyer, office supplies	9.71
Pearl Smith, postage and ex- pressing ballots	10.00
Alice Hammond, miscellaneous	30.39
	<hr/>
	\$ 57.60

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Mark's Printing House.....	\$ 65.95
Sidney Telephone Co.	35.20
Depositors Trust Co., chk. books	6.00
Fisher's Printing Service, letter- heads	4.50
Branham Printing Co., excise tax books	3.00
Sidney Grange, wood	19.00
Loring, Short and Harmon	1.53

Alice Hammond, coll. supplies ..	42.30	
Webb Smith Co., tax bills	4.95	
		<hr/>
		\$ 182.43

INTEREST

Federal Trust Co., bond issue ..	\$ 87.50	
Depositors Trust Co., temp. loan	132.50	
		<hr/>
		\$ 220.00

FIRE FIGHTING

Roland Pinkham, 100 ft. heavy duty hose	\$ 44.80	
Town of Oakland, insulation truck at George Potter's	13.60	
D. B. Smith Co., Indian pump re- pairs	23.54	
		<hr/>
		\$ 81.94

MISCELLANEOUS

Macomber, Farr and Whitten, treasurer's bond	\$ 25.00	
Leslie Lathe, excise tax adjust- ment	3.16	
Registry of Deeds	17.75	
Kennebec Journal Print Shop, Town Reports	182.00	
Kennebec Journal Print Shop, ballots	15.00	
Murray Machine Co., grader blades	9.00	
Motor Supply Corporation, grader bearing	5.39	
Snell Tire Co., grader tire and tubes	32.50	
Margaret Smith, transfer copies	16.50	
Hammond's Store, grease and oil	2.12	
Kennebec Journal, advertising auction	15.00	

Waterville Morning Sentinel, advertising auction	13.13
Jennie Brackett, insurance on hall	28.00
Alice Hammond, making out deeds	22.50
Dexter's Drug Store, vaccine ..	3.60
Lawrence Peterson, grading town yard	50.00
Thompson's Garage, grader repairs	6.00
Hall Blake Co., road tools	24.71
Locke, Campbell, Reid and Herbert	52.50
Walter Chandler, insurance premium	5.00
Maine Municipal Ass'n dues ...	30.00
Alice Hammond, lien dis.	1.00
Dr. E. I. Whitney, school inoculations	20.00
W. B. Haskell, auctioneer	5.00
Harry Greene, surveying Oakland-Sidney town line	48.13
Gould Rogers, recording marriage28
Treasurer of State, audit	66.84
Federal Trust Co., trust fee ...	10.00
Linwood Norton, tractor tax refund	4.88
Laverdiere's Drug Store, immunizing supplies	14.98
Arthur Redding, tax refund ...	3.75
Jessamine Benson, damage to mail box90
State Garage, repairs for snow equipment	82.51
Alice Hammond, making out tax liens	40.00
Alice Hammond, discount on taxes	199.94

Vera Barnard, janitor	9.00	
		<u>\$ 1,066.07</u>
Total expenditures		\$ 3,697.64

TOWN CHARGES—RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	2500.00
Interest and costs	34.31	
Estelle Mitchell, payment in lieu of taxes	592.00	
Gladys Cummings, blueberries	25.00	
Treas. of State, bank stock tax	105.75	
Licenses	1.00	
Treas. of State, R. R. and tele- phone tax	65.90	
Peter Caruser, payment on wood- lot	100.00	
Interest on sinking fund	47.29	
Lester Wyman, equipment re- pairs	82.51	
Lester Wyman, 2 blade plows ..	20.00	
Harold Keene for legal services ..	19.00	
Tax lien gain account	144.54	
F. B. Barnard, telephone15	
		<u>\$ 3,737.45</u>
Total Expenditures		3,697.64
		<u>\$ 39.81</u>
Unexpended		\$ 39.81

WINTER HIGHWAYS

Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00	
Received from State	2,132.50	
		<u>\$ 8,132.50</u>
Total receipts		\$ 8,132.50
Payments on winter contract		
Contract price	\$ 8,064.00	
State Treas., for State Highway ..	83.20	
		<u>\$ 8,147.20</u>
Overexpended		\$ 14.70
56 miles at \$144.00 per mile.		

SUMMER HIGHWAYS

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Overexpended	503.85	
		<hr/>
		\$ 2,503.85
Expended for labor	\$ 2,006.44	
Burger Culvert Co., culverts ..	350.25	
Oakland Lumber Co.	72.16	
Lewis Wolman, culvert	75.00	
		<hr/>
		\$ 2,503.85

STATE AID NO. 1

Appropriation 1948	\$ 799.50	
Received from State	1,730.18	
Road Betterment Fund due from State	500.00	
		<hr/>
		\$ 3,029.68
Expended for labor	\$ 1,940.07	
Gravel	101.80	
Supplies	39.67	
State shovel	579.50	
Compressor	54.68	
		<hr/>
		\$ 2,745.72
		<hr/>
Balance unexpended		283.96
Middle Road, Hurd's Hill.		

STATE AID RECONSTRUCTION
TARRING .4 MILE ON RIVER ROAD

Labor, supplies, State shovel ..	\$ 1,104.09	
		<hr/>
Received from State		\$ 1,104.09

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND
HALLETT AND GOODHUE ROADS

Received from State		\$ 2,840.92
Expended for labor	\$ 2,002.98	
Expended for materials and supplies	154.74	
State shovel	683.20	
		<hr/>
		\$ 2,840.92

TOWN OF SIDNEY

17

STATE AID PATROL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$ 1,160.00	
Paid Treasurer of State	1,143.00	
Balance		\$ 17.00

ROAD PLANNING COMMITTEE

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Transferred from Excise Tax ..	1,000.00	
Expended by Committee		\$ 3,000.00 2,920.09
Unexpended		\$ 79.91

STATE HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation	\$ 50.00	50.00
Paid Treasurer of State		\$ 50.00

TRUST FUNDS

	Expended	Received from fund
Bacon's Corner School	\$ 19.92	\$ 19.92
Barton Cemetery trust fund ..	3.00	3.00
Tolman trust fund	4.00	4.00
Sibley trust fund	2.00	2.00
Mary Shaw trust fund	2.00	2.00
	\$ 30.92	\$ 30.92

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$ 25.00	25.00
Paid Velina Ellis, secretary ...		\$ 25.00

TOWN FAIR

Appropriation	\$ 100.00	100.00
Paid Margaret Bragg, secretary		\$ 100.00

WITHHOLDING TAX

Balance from 1947-48	\$ 157.30	
Withheld from school payrolls ..	596.70	
Withheld from highway pay- rolls	71.45	
		<hr/>
Total		\$ 825.45
Paid Collector Internal Rev- enue		\$ 673.95
		<hr/>
Balance carried forward		\$ 151.50

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

State tax	\$ 3,460.43	
County tax	596.25	
		<hr/>
Total		\$ 4,056.68

ABATEMENTS

1947 Taxes

Donat Lefebvre, error in assess- ment	\$ 7.30	
Clayton Nichols, error in assess- ment	4.38	
		<hr/>
		\$ 11.68

1948 Taxes

Charles Dunham, left town ...	\$ 3.00
Luther Ellis, paid in Augusta ..	3.00
Clarence Jewett, paid in Augus- ta	3.00
Aaron Marden, overvaluation ..	3.75
William McFadden, paid in Au- gusta	3.00
Raymond McFadden, paid in Augusta	3.00
Clifford Mitchell, paid in Oak- land	3.00
Ethel Perkins, overvaluation ..	1.87
Clarence Philbrick, exempt ...	3.00

Joseph Siciliano, exempt	3.00
Jeanette Morin, overvaluation .	22.50
Joseph Vielleux, overvaluation	15.00

\$ 67.12

COMMENTS

The following buildings are insured by the Town:

Building occupied by Arthur Robinson	\$ 500.00
Hearse House	300.00
Town Hall	7,000.00

Insurance on the Town Hall was increased from \$2,000.00 to \$7,000.00 on July 7, 1948 in the Patron's Oxford Company.

During the year the Grange has piped water into the kitchen of the Hall.

NOTICE: The time schedule for the annual Town Meeting is as follows: The meeting will be called at 9:00 A. M. and a Moderator chosen. The ballot box for receiving ballots for the election of Town Officers shall be opened at 9:30 A. M. and shall be closed at 2:30 P. M. The meeting will be called to order by the Moderator at 10:30 A. M. for the purpose of acting on other articles in the Warrant. Counting the ballots and announcing the names of those elected will be the last order of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDON DYER

OTIS BACON

JENNIE BRACKETT

Selectmen

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

February 10, 1949

1948 TAXES

Commitment	\$35,974.39	
Supplement	63.50	
Paid Treasurer		\$35,429.75
Abatements		67.12
Liens (listed below)		542.02
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$36,037.89	\$36,037.89

1947 TAXES

Balance as reported Feb. 10, 1949	\$514.50	
Paid Treasurer		\$224.74
Abatements		11.68
1947 liens		278.08
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$514.50	\$514.50

EXCISE TAXES

	1948	
Receipt #129-368	\$1,639.59	
	1949	
Receipt #1-111	1,211.47	
Paid Treasurer		2,851.06
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$2,851.06	\$2,851.06

TAX LIENS, 1948

Resident		Non resident liens	
Theodore Brown	\$22.50	Leo Bolduc property	\$22.50
Gertrude Crockett	23.37	Benoit and Saporita	22.50
Harold Keene	24.38	Luther M. Ellis	24.38
Albenie Pelletier	22.50	Willie Godbout	43.13
H. Phillips Heirs	37.50	E. Laverture Heirs	27.00

TOWN OF SIDNEY

21

Alphonse Rodrigue	78.75	Jeannette Morin	9.38
W. E. Dean property	63.75	M. Pelotte, Trustee	11.25
Albert Tardiff	60.00	Alphonse Poulin	4.13
	<hr/>	Vinal Odlin	45.00
	\$332.75		<hr/>
			\$209.27

Poll and personal taxes collected 100%
 All taxes settled 98.8% in cash.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE L. HAMMOND,

Tax Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 10, 1949

Cash Balance, February 10, 1948			\$6,134.75
Receipts	<i>From</i>	<i>Other</i>	
Taxes:	<i>State</i>	<i>Sources</i>	
1948		\$35,429.75	
1947		224.74	
1948 excise		1,639.59	
1949 excise		1,211.47	
Tax liens		460.52	
Total from taxes			\$38,966.07
General Government			
R.R. and Tel. tax	\$65.90		
Bank Stock tax	105.75		
Int. and Costs on taxes		877.04	
Int. on mortgage		.27	
Phone call		.15	
Int. on Sinking Fund		47.29	
Rebate on interest		1.25	
Licenses		1.00	
Keene reimbursement		19.00	
Blueberries sold		25.00	
Payment on Robinson Farm		100.00	
	171.65	1,071.00	
Total General Gov't.			1,242.65
Highways and Bridges:			
Snow removal	2,132.50		
S. A. Reconstruction	1,104.09		
S. A. Construction	1,730.18		
Town Road Improvement			
Fund	2,840.92		
Wyman, reimbursement		82.51	
Wyman, plows purchased		20.00	
	7,807.69	102.51	
Total Highways and Bridges			7,910.20
Charities:			
Poor reimbursement	635.33		
			635.33

Education:			
School Fund	5,837.15		
Equalization Fund	985.00		
Adjustment 1948	58.00		
Rent on school house		70.00	
Trust Fund interest		19.92	
Sanford Fund		26.65	
		<hr/>	
	6,880.15	116.57	
Total Education			6,996.72
Cemeteries:			
Trust Fund interest		11.00	
		<hr/>	
			11.00
Municipal Indebtedness			
Sinking Fund		1,000.00	
		<hr/>	
			1,000.00
Unclassified:			
Blister Rust Control	74.70		
	<hr/>		
			74.70
Mortgage		6.66	
		<hr/>	
			6.66
Withholding		668.15	
		<hr/>	
			668.15
Temporary Loan		8,000.00	
		<hr/>	
			8,000.00
Total Cash Receipts			65,511.48
			<hr/>
Total Available			71,646.23
Deduct Disbursements:			
Warrants 1-46			64,009.40
			<hr/>
Cash Balance, February 10, 1949			7,546.83

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE L. HAMMOND,

Treasurer.

TRUST FUNDS

Name	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Interest</i>		<i>Bal.</i>
	Feb. 10, 1948	<i>Earned</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>	Feb. 10 1949
Cemetery				
Sibley	\$292.59	\$4.41	\$2.00	\$295.00
Barton	215.20	3.25	3.00	215.45
Tolman	105.24	1.58	4.00	102.82
Mary Shaw	156.39	2.36	2.00	156.75
Reynold's Hill	464.11	6.98	—	471.09
Drummond	307.09	4.62	—	311.71
Woodward	214.53	3.23	—	217.76
Taylor	306.03	4.61	—	310.64
A. M. Drummond	343.45	6.89	—	350.34
Hartson M. Bragg (subject to approval of Town)				114.05
School				
Bacon's Corner	1,203.42	18.10	19.92	1,201.60

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

<i>Balance</i>	<i>Interest</i>		<i>Balance</i>
Feb. 10, 1948		<i>Deposit</i>	Feb. 10 '49
\$3,047.08	\$56.19	\$1,000.00	\$4,103.27

SINKING FUND

<i>Balance</i>	<i>Interest</i>		<i>Balance</i>
Feb. 10, 1948		<i>Withdrawal</i>	Feb. 10, '49
\$3,000.00	\$47.29	\$1,047.29*	\$2,000.00

\$1,000.00 was used to retire Bond No. 10. The interest, \$47.29, was credited to General Cash.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE L. HAMMOND,

Treasurer.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Sidney, I herewith submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools:

During the past fiscal year the town has maintained a total of six elementary schools. On the whole, the pupils in each school have made good progress in educational growth, although the school at West Sidney has been greatly broken up because of the illness of the teacher. There has also been a considerable amount of sickness among the children during the winter months which has affected the attendance. This has a definite relation to scholarship. Although we insist that a pupil attend school according to the law if he is well, we do not wish, or expect, a pupil to attend school when he is ill.

Sidney is fortunate to have several local teachers which has been a help during the time when a serious teacher shortage still exists. Several of the teachers have attended summer school or have taken extension courses during 1948. The names of the teachers and their respective schools are as follows: Cowan School—Clara Hunnewell, West Sidney School—Ruth MacGowan, Lincoln School—Inez Torrey, Bacon's Corner School—Ruby Burton, Longfellow School—Alice Reynolds, and Thayer Corner School—Wenona Goff.

Early in December an all day teachers' meeting was held in Oakland with all of the elementary teachers in Union No. 53 attending. Each teacher in Sidney was present at the meeting which was conducted by State Supervisors from the Department of Education at Augusta. This meeting was a decided success and warrants the holding of similar meetings in the future at opportune times.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS — The several school buildings have had much work done on them by the Parent-Teachers' Clubs. Such valuable help has saved the town several hundred dollars during this past fiscal year. However, they are still old buildings and hardly afford the educational opportunities which are considered necessary in most com-

munities today in order to give the boys and girls of this generation the necessary preparation to meet the competitive life of today and tomorrow.

It would seem to be inadvisable to spend more money than is absolutely necessary to keep these buildings usable until such time as the town may decide upon a building program of some kind to more adequately house the school children of Sidney.

SCHOOL DISTRICT—It may be proper at this time to discuss the matter of a school district which is already getting some consideration by the parents and citizens. This is not a subject peculiar to the town of Sidney for it is a nation-wide topic of discussion at the present time. There are several reasons for this.

In the first place, practically every town is faced with an increased birth rate which has already crowded many school buildings. In the second place, many towns have not built a new school building for a great many years and the present school may be obsolete, unsafe, in a bad condition of repair, overcrowded, or any combination of these conditions.

When any town considers the matter of a consolidated school it immediately raises the question of finance. The majority of towns who decide to consolidate usually organize a school district which is authorized to issue long term bonds which are paid off in reasonable amounts each year. This method eases the burden on the taxpayers and places some of the financial burden on the parents of tomorrow whose children will benefit from the newer schools.

In the town of Sidney there is also a problem of transportation which would necessitate the expenditure of road building funds on several pieces of road making year round transportation feasible.

REGISTRATION—The enrollment for the fall term in the several schools has held very steady, comparing favorably with last year. Several of the buildings are crowded, the school at Thayer's Corner being the most congested of all. The tables given below show the enrollments in both the elementary schools and the several secondary schools to which Sidney pupils are going. Data as of Oct. 1, 1948.

Table I—Elementary Schools

School	Jr.	P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Lincoln	5	4	5	8	5						27
Bacon's Corner							5	1	7	8	21
Cowan	9	3	10	4							26
West Sidney					1	6	5	8	6		26
Longfellow	4	6	5	3	6						24
Thayer's Corner							7	8	7	8	30
	18	13	20	15	12	18	14	22	22		154

Table II—Secondary School Tuition Pupils

School	Class 1949	Class 1950	Class 1951	Class 1952	Total
Williams H. S., Oakland	1	2	2		5
Waterville H. S.	1	2	3	2	8
Cony H. S., Augusta	1	2	4	7	14
	3	6	9	9	27

FINANCE—The budget, of necessity, will show some increase over last year. It is impossible to keep a budget from increasing when the costs of practically everything else are increasing. Although there is some indication at the present time that certain items of food and clothing are dropping, the costs involving transportation, personnel, textbooks, supplies, fuel, etc. are still high.

There are some who feel that better conveyances should be provided. It necessarily follows that better conveyances must cost more money.

Some new textbooks have been added to the schools during the fall term with very satisfactory results. The basal reading program is nearly completed and the pupils are showing improvement in the important subject of reading. Certain items under the title of supplies are getting low and it will be necessary to replenish the stock piles of arithmetic paper, composition paper, and others to a greater or lesser degree.

The budget as submitted has been approved by the school board and budget committee and shows an increase of only nine per cent over last year.

My work with the people of Sidney has been very pleasant and I have enjoyed the acquaintance of the parents and citizens whom I have been able to meet up to the present time. May I thank the school board, town officials, teachers, and all of the people who have helped so cooperatively in my brief work in this town.

Respectfully submitted,

HUBERT E. REDDING,

Supt. of Schools

BUDGET

	Raised 1948-49	Recommended 1949-50
School fund	\$12,725.00	\$15,325.00
Special account	680.00	513.50
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$13,405.00	\$15,838.50

SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

School Maintenance Account

Receipts

Balance 1947-48	\$ 238.05	
Appropriation	12,725.00	
State Funds	5,837.15	
State Funds—Equalization ...	985.00	
State Funds—Supt.'s Sec.	58.00	
City of Augusta—Interest on Trust fund	26.65	
	<hr/>	
Total Receipts		\$19,869.85

Expenditures

Instruction	\$ 8,823.15
Fuel	485.24
Janitor	595.15

Conveyance	4,603.19	
Tuition	4,523.36	
Textbooks	520.77	
Supplies	302.25	
Utilities	118.66	
Contingent Fund	87.00	
Total Expenditures		20,058.77
Balance		\$ 188.92*

ACCOUNTS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Receipts

Rent, White school	\$ 70.00	
Balance 1947-48	36.71	
Appropriation	680.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 786.71

Expenditures

Repairs	\$ 141.99	
Insurance	83.50	
Superintendence	394.95	
Total Expenditures		620.44
Balance		\$ 166.27
*Overdrawn		

Report of Road Planning Committee, 1949

The Long-range Road Planning Committee met several times through the year and at one of those meetings inspected practically all the Town's improved and unimproved roads and decided to expend the following as allotted and appropriated and according to our own better judgment:

<i>For Graveling</i>	<i>Allotted</i>	<i>Spent</i>	<i>Gravel (yds.)</i>
Eight Rod Road S. of Minot Rd.	\$350.00	\$347.00	570
Knight Road	250.00	249.70	428
Lyon Road	250.00	212.16	265

<i>For Graveling</i>	<i>Allotted</i>	<i>Spent</i>	<i>Gravel (yds.)</i>
Eight Rod Road, N. of Town Farm	50.00	43.90	66
Lewis Road	50.00	53.00	77
Blake Road	100.00	101.82	110
Quaker Rd., So. of Church	100.00	48.80	49
Quaker Rd., No. of Bartlett	200.00	202.87	217
Town Landing Rd.	100.00	91.25	70
Church and Eight Rod Rds.	150.00	154.25	185
Dinsmore and Goff Rds.	100.00	116.98	108
Quaker Rd., So. of Kelly Hill	500.00	485.61	505
Shepard Road	300.00	294.75	311
Grading		99.00	
		\$2,501.09	

<i>For Cutting Bushes</i>	<i>Allotted</i>
Quaker Rd., South	\$100.00
Reynold's Hill Rd.	100.00
Robinson Road	100.00
Lyon Road	50.00
Eight Rod Rd., So. of Minot Rd.	75.00
Quaker Rd., No. of Blake Rd.	25.00
Quaker Rd., No. of Bartlett Rd.	50.00

Total expended on bushes \$419.00

We made our recommendations for cutting bushes, but due to the Central Maine Power Company's cutting bushes, our Road Commissioner changed the plans to some extent.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE DRUMMOND,

Secretary.

SIDNEY FAIR REPORT

Expenses

Paid	
Mr. Fisher, for posters	\$ 16.00
Mr. Bernier, for field	10.00
Constable, afternoon and evening	8.00
Prizes	37.85
Orchestra, "Douglas"	30.00

Judge for horse show	5.00
Horse pulling premiums	40.00
Internal Revenue	19.00
Janitor and cleaning grounds ..	7.00
Miscellaneous	31.04
Bulldozer	59.00

Total payments		\$ 262.89
----------------------	--	-----------

Receipts

On hand	\$ 155.33
Rec'd from Town	100.00
Rec'd ground rent	38.00
Rec'd dance	114.00
Rec'd horse pulling fees	6.00
Rec'd horse show	25.89
Rec'd parking	10.00
Cash on hand	10.00

Total receipts	\$ 459.22	
----------------------	-----------	--

Balance on hand		\$ 196.33
-----------------------	--	-----------

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARGARET BRAGG

REPORT OF MEMORIAL DAY FUND 1948

Balance on hand Feb. 10, 1948	\$ 6.00
Received from Town Treasurer	25.00

		\$ 31.00
--	--	----------

Paid children for picking greens	\$.50
Paid for opening hall, Memorial Day	1.00
Paid care of lot	3.00
Paid Speaker	10.00

	\$ 14.50
--	----------

Balance on hand Feb. 10, 1949		\$ 16.50
-------------------------------------	--	----------

Respectfully submitted,

VELINA D. ELLIS,

Secretary

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING ANNUAL REPORT

1948

1949! Radio commentators predict "no depression, a prosperous business year with production high in military supplies". What does this mean to us who are concerned with the Health of the Nation?

In the opinion of your nurse, an opinion shared by all of the leading health organizations, International, National and State, it means more careful study of our community health needs, more participation by all members of the community in planning and carrying out a better health program.

Your Public Health Nurse thanks all Health Council members, town officials and school officials and local organizations for their support and cooperation in the past year. It has been a pleasure to work with and for you.

The following is a report of health activities in 1948.

No. of days in town	29
No. of home visits	25
No. of Child Health Conferences	10
Total attendance at Child Health Conferences	95
No. of physical examinations of infants	38
No. of physical examinations of preschools	45
Total No. of physical examinations	83
No. vaccinated for smallpox at Child Health Conference	13
No. immunized for diphtheria at Child Health Conference	11
No. immunized for whooping cough at Child Health Conference	11
No. immunized for tetanus at Child Health Conference	2
No. of Immunization Clinics	2
No. vaccinated for smallpox	60
No. immunized for diphtheria	71
No. immunized for whooping cough	10
No. of Audiometer tests in schools	31
No. of school visits	14
No. of interviews with town officials, school personnel, health council members	21

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE S. NOLLET, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

THE PARENT-TEACHER'S CLUB

Approximately three years ago the nucleus of a Parent-Teacher's Club was formed at one of the schools in Sidney. The purpose of the Club was to assist the Town in the endeavor to maintain better physical conditions in the schools. Also it was believed such an organization should consider one of its primary functions the provision of both financial and manual assistance for needs not covered by the normal school budget.

People who have no children in our schools have shown much interest in the P. T. C. The enthusiasm and support given by this group of non-parents is sincerely appreciated.

For the benefit of those who have been unable to participate in the work the following summary of activities is hereby presented:

Pond Road

- Repair of steps and doors; provide new storm doors for both schools
- Cleaned both schools; put on storm windows
- Gave \$30.00 to each teacher to buy equipment for children's entertainment
- Banked both schools for winter
- Painted toilets at Washington School

Middle Road

- Cleaned both schools; painted and replaced flag poles
- Sprayed toilets with DDT
- Cleaned chimneys
- Purchased basketball equipment
- Painted ceilings in Lincoln School
- Removed dangerous objects from school yards; graded near steps of Lincoln School and swings
- Emergency repairs to foundation of Bacon Corner school

River Road

- Both schools painted on outside
- Both schools cleaned; desks varnished
- Library books purchased for both schools
- Drinking water dispensers and paper cups purchased
- Indoor games purchased for both schools
- Stapling machines purchased; thermometers

Clock and new shades purchased for Thayer Corner School

Basketball court made and equipment purchased for Thayer Corner School

Respectfully submitted by secretaries,

DENISE RILEY

MARGERIE HUNTINGTON

INEZ TORREY

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths

1948

Feb. 14—William H. Bowman, age 69 yrs.

Feb. 17—Robert B. Strout, age 86 yrs.

Feb. 19—Mertie M. Chandler, age 59 yrs.

Feb. 19—Angus M. Davis, age 64 yrs.

Feb. 25—Harriett F. Keene, age 64 yrs.

March 15—John H. Field, age 83 yrs.

March 15—Lillian M. Benson, age 87 yrs.

March 17—Bertha Whitten, age 79 yrs.

March 25—John H. Whitney, age 74 yrs.

April 5—Joseph A. Lord, age 78 yrs.

April 15—Ruben E. Carter, age 79 yrs.

April 20—Loubier Basales, age 89 yrs.

April 21—John McCann, age 80 yrs.

May 16—Eva E. French, age 28 yrs.

May 28—Fred W. Peterson, age 66 yrs.

May 31—Ora E. Field, age 76 yrs.

June 3—William Bragg, age 82 yrs.

June 4—Mary E. Tilton, age 97 yrs.

June 8—Sophia Gaudreau, age 91 yrs.
June 11—Borvi Gulia, age 59 yrs.
June 13—Albert S. Priest, age 79 yrs.
June 22—Nellie E. Pressey, age 74 yrs.
July 5—Alfred Dallaire, age 43 yrs.
July 16—Guy H. Lyon, age 59 yrs.
July 21—Marguerite Tolman, age 89 yrs.
Aug. 7—Etta L. Clark, age 92 yrs.
Aug. 10—Frank E. Allen, age 67 yrs.
Aug. 16—Majorique Shank, age 74 yrs.
Aug. 17—Zenes G. Bushell, age 66 yrs.
Aug. 25—Myrtle Leighton, age 70 yrs.
Aug. 27—Alfred Thibodeau, age 64 yrs.
Aug. 28—Mary B. Gordon, age 63 yrs.
Sept. 3—Fannie Graves, age 74 yrs.
Sept. 3—Elaire M. Landry, age 26 yrs.
Sept. 11—Ernest N. Fowler, age 36 yrs.
Sept. 12—Harriet A. Cunningham, age 77 yrs.
Oct. 12—Gedeon Tardiff, age 81 yrs.
Oct. 14—Starlet A. Breton, age —.
Nov. 15—Mildred R. Dorval, age 31 yrs.
Dec. 10—William H. Morrell, age 70 yrs.
Number of marriages, 11; number of births, 11.

In accordance with the provisions of law, Chapter 320, Section 3, Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Public Laws of Maine, marriage and birth records have been omitted in my report.

Number of dogs licensed in 1948: 89 males; 16 females; 34 Sp. females; 3 kennels.

I wish to express my appreciation to all citizens for your loyal support the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) PEARL F. SMITH,

Town Clerk

AUDITOR'S REPORT

State of Maine
State Department of Audit

Augusta, December 24, 1948.

Board of Selectmen, Sidney, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3 of the Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the Town of Sidney have been audited by Auditor R. M. Parsons for the period February 11, 1947 to February 10, 1948 inclusive.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying Comments.

Exhibits and Schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated.

Recommendations are also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,

FMB:bf

State Auditor

COMMENTS

Re: Audit of Accounts—Town of Sidney
February 11, 1947 to February 10, 1948

Cash

The cash receipts were checked and found to be correctly recorded. All monies for which receipts had been written were deposited promptly. The cash balance at February 10, 1948 of \$6,134.75 was represented by cash in bank of \$4,455.28 and cash on hand of \$1,679.47. The cash on hand was deposited February 13 and 14, 1948. The checkbook balance was reconciled with the bank statement furnished by the depository bank. All expenditures were made by check from properly authorized warrants.

During the examination of the records of the Treasurer it was noted that in many instances the checkbook stubs were not dated and the check numbers were not entered in the space provided on the warrants or pay rolls.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable in the amount of \$241.28 are represented by prior years' items of \$181.28 and current items of \$60.00.

Taxes Receivable

The 1947 tax commitment book was added, checked, and found to be in agreement with the Assessors' records. Approximately 98½% of the commitment was collected or abated. Taxes remaining unpaid in the amount of \$514.50 were checked and listed.

Tax Liens

All transactions affecting tax liens were checked and found to have been properly recorded. Tax liens outstanding were listed.

Mortgage Note Receivable

This amount was reduced by \$102.14 during the current year.

Capital Reserve Fund

This capital reserve fund was created for the purpose of building a new school building. This fund was increased by \$1,033.72 during the current year, which represents the interest of \$33.72 received on the investment, and the town

appropriation of \$1,000.00. The savings passbook was checked.

Sinking Fund

This sinking fund was set aside from the general fund cash for the purpose of paying off the bonded debt. The interest received on the investment was applied to the interest paid on the debt, and one \$1,000.00 bond was retired during the fiscal year. The savings passbook was checked.

Bonds Payable

Bonds payable in the amount of \$3,000.00 mature at the rate \$1,000.00 annually, the last bond to be paid in 1950.

Carrying Balances

The balances carried forward on Exhibit D in the amount of \$2,488.54 represents balances of certain appropriations which are carried forward to be expended at a later date.

Surplus

The unappropriated surplus of \$3,264.13 was increased during the fiscal year by \$1,158.64 as a result of the net gain from current operations.

Excise Taxes

The excise tax receipts were added and checked. It was determined that all monies collected were promptly deposited with the Treasurer. The following receipts were examined.

1947	#126-375	\$ 973.67
1948	#1 -128	1,035.77
		<hr/>
		\$2,009.44

General

The Tax Collector and Treasurer furnished a corporate surety bond.

Vouchers and payrolls were examined to the extent deemed necessary and so far as could be determined from this examination all so examined appeared to be proper charges and correctly recorded. During the course of the examination of school vouchers it was noted that a great many were plain copies.

The records of the various officials were found in a satisfactory condition.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

(1) The Town Treasurer enter the check number in the space provided on the warrant or payroll and the date the checks were issued on the check stub.

(2) The Superintendent of Schools furnish the original invoice for all payments other than payroll items to be kept on file by the Selectmen.

EXHIBIT A

**TOWN OF SIDNEY
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

February 10, 1948

February 10, 1947

**GENERAL FUND
ASSETS**

Cash:			
On Hand and in Bank.....		\$6,134.75	\$7,195.65
Accounts Receivable (Schedule A-1).....	\$241.28		\$274.28
Less—Reserve for Losses.....	95.01		95.01
		146.27	179.27
Taxes Receivable (Exhibit C).....		514.50	
Tax Liens (Schedule A-2).....	451.76		705.41
Less—Reserve for Losses.....	239.00		239.00
		212.76	466.41
Mortgage Note Receivable (Sch. A-3).....		6.66	108.80
Capital Reserve Fund (Sch. A-4)....		3,047.08	2,013.36
Sinking Fund (Schedule A-5).....		3,000.00	4,000.00
Total—General Fund		\$13,062.02	\$13,963.49

TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS

Time Deposits (Schedule A-7).....	3,608.05	3,593.23
Due from General Fund (Sch. A-7)..<	1.23	1.23
Total—Trust Funds	\$3,609.28	\$3,594.46

February 10, 1948

February 10, 1947

GENERAL FUND**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable.....		\$1,160.40
Due Governmental Agencies:		
Withholding Taxes.....	102.40	53.70
Due Trust Fund Income.....	1.23	1.23
Bonds Payable (Schedule A-6).....	3,000.00	4,000.00
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Liabilities.....	3,103.63	5,215.33
	<hr/>	<hr/>

RESERVE

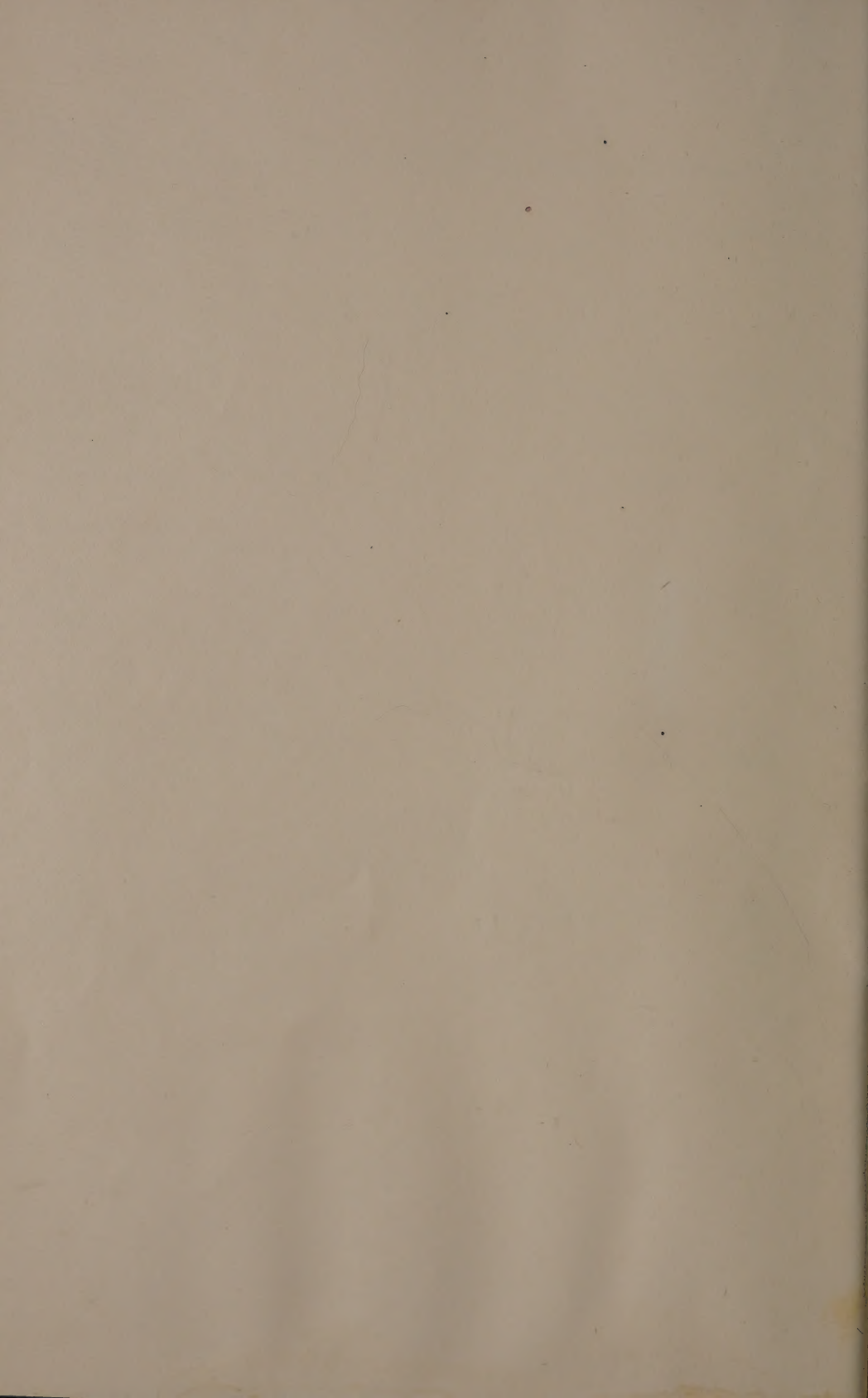
Capital Reserve Fund.....	3,047.08	2,013.36
Carrying Balances (Exhibit D).....	2,488.54	3,470.67
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Reserve.....	5,535.62	5,484.03
	<hr/>	<hr/>

SURPLUS

Unappropriated (Exhibit E).....	4,422.77	3,264.13
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total—General Fund.....	\$13,062.02	\$13,963.49
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

TRUST FUNDS**LIABILITIES**

Principals (Schedule A-7).....	3,310.26	3,310.26
Unexpended Income (Schedule A-7).....	299.02	284.20
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total—Trust Funds.....	\$3,609.28	\$3,594.46
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>



AR JA BC

Alicia B. Reynolds

RFD[#]₃

AUGUSTA, MAINE